(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics data the trade deficit during the last five years in US $ terms is as under:—

Year	Trade deficit (US $ Million)
1994-95	2324
1995-96	4881
1996-97	5662
1997-98	6478
1998-99	8245*

*Provisional data

(b) and (c) Trade deficit is the excess of imports over exports which can be restricted by effective export promotion measures. A number of export promotion measures are continuously being taken by the Government which includes reduction in transaction cost through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions.

Industrial Growth Centres

1856. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise industrial growth centres functioning in the different parts of the country, particularly in the State of Assam; and

(b) the details of funds granted to all growth centres during each of the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) A list of growth

centres approved in various States, including Assam is given in Annexure [*see* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 49]. These are at various stages of implementation.

(b) Details of funds released by the Central Government under the Growth Centre Scheme to these growth centres during the last five years are as under:

Year	Amont (Rs. In lakhs)
1994-95	80.39
1995-96	46.16
1996-97	20.96
1997-98	25.00
1998-99	20.00

FDI during current financial year

†1857. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Foreign Direct Investment which have been permitted by Government, so far, during the current financial year;

(b) the actual FDI made, so far, during the current financial year, alongwith the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the foreign capital permitted in infrastructure sector and the details of amount invested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) Sir, the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approval during the current financial year (from 1st April, 1999 to 31st Oct., 1999) including Infrastructure Sector is Rs. 12500.89 crore and the actual inflow of FDI during the above said period is Rs. 6430.10 crore. No separate data regarding State-wise breakup of actual inflow is centrally maintained.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.